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**Before the  
Federal Communications Commission  
Washington, D.C. 20554**

In the Matter of	)	
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John T. Harrison	)	File No.: EB-FIELDWR-14-00015661
M/V SEAFIRE, Official #531678	)	
Honolulu, Hawaii	)	NOV No.: V201432860009
	)	

**NOTICE OF VIOLATION**

**Released: May 15, 2014**

By the Resident Agent, Honolulu Office, Western Region, Enforcement Bureau:

1. This is a Notice of Violation (Notice) issued pursuant to Section 1.89 of the Commission's rules ( Rules),<sup>1</sup> to John T. Harrison , registered owner of the Emergency Indicating Radio Beacon (EPIRB) associated with the vessel SEAFIRE, Official #531678, in Honolulu, Hawaii. Pursuant to Section 1.89(a) of the Rules, issuance of this Notice does not preclude the Enforcement Bureau from further action if warranted, including issuing a Notice of Apparent Liability for Forfeiture for the violation(s) noted herein.<sup>2</sup>

2. The Enforcement Bureau's Honolulu Office was contacted by the U. S. Coast Guard (USGC) District 14 Joint Rescue Coordination Center regarding interference from the false activation of a 406.025 MHz EPIRB on May 11, 2014. The beacon registration database information shows that John T. Harrison is the owner of the EPIRB associated with M/V SEAFIRE in Honolulu, Hawaii. The EPIRB transmissions on May 11 and 12, 2014 were in violation of the following:

47 C.F.R. § 80.89(a): "Stations must not engage in superfluous radiocommunication."  
Transmissions by EPIRBs are intended to be actuated manually or automatically and operated automatically as part of a ship or a survival craft station as a locating aid for survival purposes. The vessel EPIRB had been apparently activated when it was improperly disposed of, in the absence of any emergency situation.

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<sup>1</sup> 47 C.F.R. § 1.89.

<sup>2</sup> 47 C.F.R. § 1.89(a).

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3. Pursuant to Section 308(b) of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended,<sup>3</sup> and Section 1.89 of the Rules, we seek additional information concerning the violations and any remedial actions taken. Therefore, John T. Harrison must submit a written statement concerning this matter within twenty (20) days of release of this Notice. The response (i) must fully explain each violation, including all relevant surrounding facts and circumstances, (ii) must contain a statement of the specific action(s) taken to correct each violation and preclude recurrence, and (iii) must include a time line for completion of any pending corrective action(s). The response must be complete in itself and must not be abbreviated by reference to other communications or answers to other notices.<sup>4</sup>

4. In accordance with Section 1.16 of the Rules, we direct John T. Harrison to support his response to this Notice with an affidavit or declaration under penalty of perjury, signed and dated by John T. Harrison, verifying the truth and accuracy of the information therein,<sup>5</sup> and confirming that all of the information requested by this Notice which is in the licensee's possession, custody, control, or knowledge has been produced. To knowingly and willfully make any false statement or conceal any material fact in reply to this Notice is punishable by fine or imprisonment under Title 18 of the U.S. Code.<sup>6</sup>

5. All replies and documentation sent in response to this Notice should be marked with the File No. and NOV No. specified above, and mailed to the following address:

Federal Communications Commission  
Honolulu Office  
POB 971030  
Waipahu, Hawaii 96797-1030

6. This Notice shall be sent to John T. Harrison at his address of record.

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<sup>3</sup> 47 U.S.C. § 308(b).

<sup>4</sup> 47 C.F.R. § 1.89(c).

<sup>5</sup> Section 1.16 of the Rules provides that “[a]ny document to be filed with the Federal Communications Commission and which is required by any law, rule or other regulation of the United States to be supported, evidenced, established or proved by a written sworn declaration, verification, certificate, statement, oath or affidavit by the person making the same, may be supported, evidenced, established or proved by the unsworn declaration, certification, verification, or statement in writing of such person . . . . Such declaration shall be subscribed by the declarant as true under penalty of perjury, and dated, in substantially the following form . . . : ‘I declare (or certify, verify, or state) under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct. Executed on (date). (Signature)’.” 47 C.F.R. § 1.16.

<sup>6</sup> 18 U.S.C. § 1001 *et seq.* See also 47 C.F.R. § 1.17.

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7. The Privacy Act of 1974<sup>7</sup> requires that we advise you that the Commission will use all relevant material information before it, including any information disclosed in your reply, to determine what, if any, enforcement action is required to ensure compliance.

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John R. Raymond  
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Honolulu Office  
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<sup>7</sup> P.L. 93-579, 5 U.S.C. § 552a(e)(3).